

From behind the iron curtain

By SUSAN CARBYN

"How do you open this door!" exclaimed Nina as she attempted to leave the SUB at UNB. "Do you push or pull these bars?" Nina Faluowsua had many frustrating encounters when she first came to Canada. One thing which suprized her was the fact that our houses were built out of wood. "They look so fragile compared to our brick and stone houses in Poland. You wonder if the wind won't blow them over!"

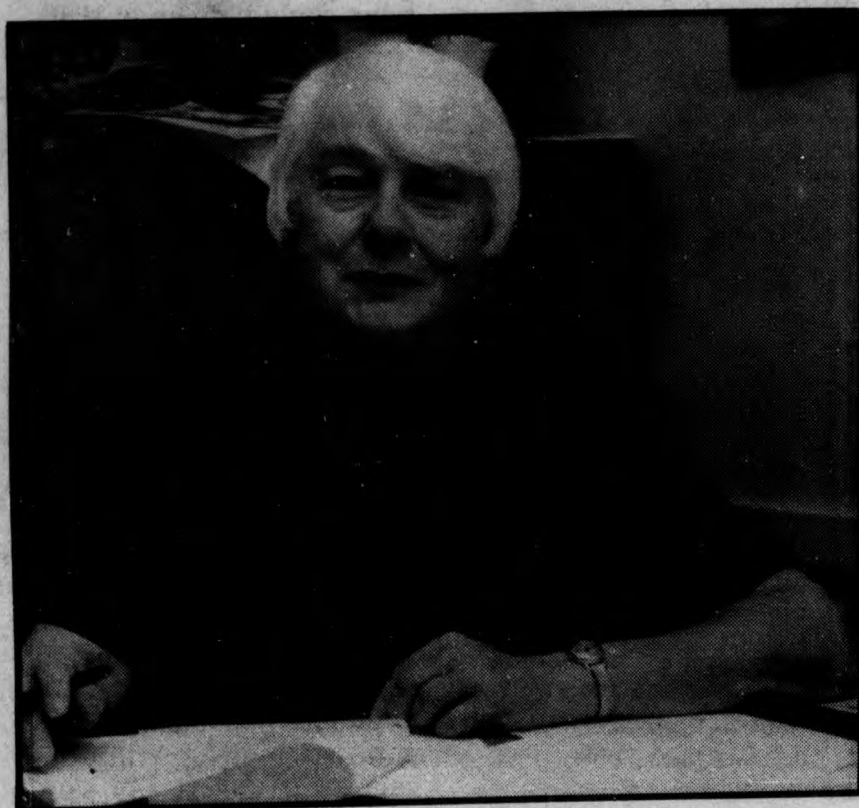
Nina is a graduate student who is taking her PhD in the English Department.

She came to UNB September 9th/1987 with the intent of taking some Canadian Literature which was not offered in Europe. When Nina came to Fredericton, she didn't know anyone and she thought that coming to Canada was a fascinating adventure! She describes Canada as being a vast, beautiful country with many opportunities. Nina is staying with a Canadian family where she is learning the Canadian lifestyle and customs through experience. She feels that she is not in a vacuum - "Everyone is so friendly and helpful and I am very happy living here."

The school system is completely different at UNB as compared with her old school. "I find that UNB offers more individual choice. If you wanted to devote a lot of time to one particular course, you may. In Poland, we write more tests and exams, here there is more emphasis placed on reading and writing essays yet I prefer this system as opposed to my old school system."

Nina's father (who is an English teacher) had taught her to speak English when she was six years old. Later on in school, she specialized in English and now she speaks English fluently. Nina intends

to finish her degree here and then go back to Poland where she has a teaching job at the university awaiting her.



Mary Ella Milham

New lecture series

The first lecture in the Milham Lecture Series at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has the distinction of being delivered by the person after whom the series is named.

The lecture, which is entitled *Towards the Next 20 years--A New Direction for the Harriet Irving Library*, will be given on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. in room 102, Tilley Hall. A reception will follow in the Nan Gregg Room of the 4th floor of the Harriet Irving Library. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend both the lecture and the reception.

The speaker for this lecture, Mary Ella Milham, retired last year after 33 years as a classics and ancient history

professor on the Fredericton campus of the university. Dr. Milham's distinguished career includes extensive service in campus life and in learned societies as well as a lengthy publication record. Among her many accomplishments and honors were serving as first woman president of the Classics Association of Canada and being elected to the New York Academy of Sciences.

A trust fund established through her donation to the university library is making possible a collection in the book arts. Subjects for this and future lectures will be aspects of the history of books and printing, bookselling, book collecting, book preservation and related fields.

Ph.d's conferred

On Sunday, October 18, UNB will recognize the achievements of four fascinating Canadians as two Fall Convocation ceremonies are held at the Playhouse in Fredericton.

The Convocation address will be given at 2:30 pm by Richard J. Currie, President of Loblaw Companies Ltd. Currie, who will receive a doctrate of Laws degree, is Governor for the Olympic Trust of Canada and an active member in many other organizations.

Marguerite Vaughan who, along with her late husband Murray Vaughan created the Vaughan Graduate Fellowships, will also be honoured in the afternoon ceremonies. Mrs. Vaughan, a philanthropist and art collector, serves on the University's

Board of Governors.

At 7:30 pm the second Convocation address will be given by Robert A. Tweedie, who will be awarded a doctorate of laws degree. A former secretary to NB Premier A. Allison Dysart, Tweedie had a longstanding association with the late Lord Beaverbrook. He has currently written a book of his memoirs.

J.W. Bird served as Mayor of

Fredericton in 1969 and Minister of Natural Resources in the 1970's. He is currently President of J.W. Bird & Company Ltd., one of the most successful building supply concerns in Atlantic Canada. Bird serves on the UNB Board of Governors and will be honoured along with Mr. Tweedie in the afternoon ceremonies.

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Students who have not yet satisfied the requirements for competence in English and who have not already failed the test twice are being notified in the verification of registration letter that was mailed to students last week, that they will have another opportunity to write the competence in English test (CET).

Students are being scheduled for either:

Wednesday, October 14 or Thursday, October 15

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tilley Hall, Room 102
F.J. Toole Hall, Room 3

Your verification of registration letter indicates the day/time/place for you to write the test. If you have lost your notification or are unaware of your scheduled time and place, please contact Mrs. Juanita Haines at the Registrar's Office (453-4864).